

# PUNCKNOWLE & SWYRE PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of a meeting held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at 7.30 p.m.

### PRESENT:

Councillors G. Fry (Chairman), D. Robbins, B. Pye, E. Sinclair, D. Heaver, J. Marsh, T. Taylor  
& J. Arak-Newman

### IN ATTENDANCE:

C. Buckland (Parish Clerk), District Councillor J. Russell,  
A. Lovell (Transport), D. Bird (Footpaths).

### 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence: Councillor M. Buckland & County Councillor R. Kayes

### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

### 3. PUBLIC TIME

Dave Bird had organised a Working Party on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2017 to clear the gullies at Clay Lane, Puncknowle with 14 locals attending. Concerns were raised about dogs continually barking and also the number of cars that appeared to be abandoned at the middle plot at Hazel Lane, Puncknowle.

### 4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolved that the minutes of the Council's meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2017 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

### 5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Item 6 – Chairman's Report – Item 3) Water coming out of the bank at Swyre – Councillor Taylor raised concerns that Highways would not be doing any works to repair this problem & thought that the ditch in the field above the road was not the answer – he would look into getting an expert to find out the problem.

### 6. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

No Report

### 7. REPRESENTATIVES REPORT

#### i. Allotments

Councillor Heaver had nothing to report but very wet.

#### ii. Footpaths

Dave Bird had nothing to report but also very wet.

#### iii. Homewatch And Community Police Report

Nothing to Report

#### iv. Playing Field Committee

Councillor Heaver advised that the Grass Cutting Contract would be due for renewal early next year - a notice to go in the Bride Valley News and on the Website. There were considerably fewer leaves than last year to be cleared in the Playing Field.

#### v. Transport

Councillor Taylor had attended the WATAG Meeting and reported that the Local Community Bus due to be started by Easter 2018 would serve Thorncombe to Abbotsbury.

#### vi. Village Hall

Councillor Sinclair advised that the Village Hall AGM had been held and there were new members on the Committee. The Committee were applying for a Grant to convert the lighting to LED. The Xmas Fayre would be on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2017. The "Booking Diary" for the Village Hall was now available Online. Paul Pritchard was stepping down as Auditor and David Buckland had agreed to replace him.

#### vii. Bridport Local Area Partnership

The Chairman reported that he had attended 2 BLAP meetings and the Minutes of both had been circulated to all Councillors. The BLAP Parish Meeting had discussed what Services the Councils would be delegating to Local Councils. The BLAP Secretary had left and the job would be advertised shortly.

- viii. **DAPTC**  
No Report
- ix. **Puncknowle, Swyre & West Bexington Web Site**  
Nothing to Report.

## 8. PLANNING

### Applications on which the Parish Council were consulted:

1. **Application Nos WD/D/17/002422** – The Club House, Blue Anchor Café, West Bexington – Make alterations & extensions to existing roof to provide additional living accommodation. Provide external stairway access & alterations to vehicle access & parking spaces- The main concern was the external staircase to proposed staff accommodation. It is suggested that an internal staircase (possibly a spiral staircase) instead of the very visible external staircase should be the preferred option in this AONB position. Agreed to request that if Granted - a Section 106 Agreement be signed to tie the new staff accommodation to main house/business so that it cannot be let as a separate holiday unit. The proposed roof line would look completely different with the continuous ridge along the full length of the property. Concerns were raised that the proposed lowering of the kerb for extra parking spaces would increase the risk of flooding off the Highway – All Councillors Agreed to Object.
2. **Application Nos WD/D/17/002455** – Upper Beach Road, West Bexington – Erection of Dwelling with detached garage & associated Vehicular Access - This development is a Greenfield site outside the Defined Village Boundary, in the Dorset AONB and Heritage Coast. Copies of 6 letters of Objection had been received from local residents. There have been no new-build properties built in West Bexington for many years & if this Application was granted it would set a precedent for other small fields and plots in this village to be developed – All Councillors Agreed to Object.

### Decisions:

**Application Nos WD/D/17/001922** – Forgeside, Hoopers Lane, Puncknowle – Consent Granted##  
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### Other Planning Issues:

**Application Nos WD/D/17/001698** – Bredy Farm, Burton Bradstock – Change of use of field & barn from Agriculture to Agriculture but with occasional 3 day festival events – details of this Application to be forwarded to all Councillors for them to look on the dorsetforyou website.

## 9. HIGHWAYS ISSUES

- a) Community Speed Watch – The equipment had been delivered and Councillor Marsh was looking for names of volunteers to be trained to use it. Suggested sites where this equipment would be used were also needed. The Training and Risk Assessment would be done by the PCSO.
- b) A 30 mph speed limit for Puncknowle was again raised – Agreed to discuss at the Annual Assembly in April 2018.

## 10. WINTER WEATHER PLANNING

Councillor Heaver advised that the salt was ready to be spread where and when needed. The main supply was now stored at Greystones Farm, Puncknowle.

## 11. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

A schedule of correspondence received since 7<sup>th</sup> November 2017 had been circulated to all Councillors in advance of the Council's meeting.

**12. FINANCE**

**Payments for Approval: Resolved** that the four invoices listed below be authorised for payment: -

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Mrs Carolyn Buckland (Clerk's salary November)	£310.89
Mrs Dianne Sinclair (Website management)	£25.00
Lee Quincey Landscapes (Grass Cutting x 8)	£720.00
D. Bird (Fuel for Work on Footpaths)	£20.00

Total Cheques £1075.89

**Other Finance:**

- a) The signatories on the Playing Field Restoration Fund at the Nationwide Building Society needed to be confirmed.

**13. INFORMATION ITEMS**

The Puncknowle Xmas Fayre would be held on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2017, 2.30pm to 4.30pm and this would be followed by the Service in the Puncknowle Church at 5pm.

**14. PUBLIC TIME**

All the Builders vans, cars, etc. working on the building site at Meadfoot were parking all along Swyre Road, West Bexington - part of the Planning Statement was that during the building of the new house these trades vehicles would be parked off the road and on the site- agreed to contact the architect re this issue.

**15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**RESOLVED** to note that the Council's next meeting would take place on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2018 commencing at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting ended at 9.30 pm.

Signed: .....

Dated: .....